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Application of: Durairaj *et al.*

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Application No.: 10/734,521

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Examiner: D. Truong

For: FLEXIBILIZED RESORCINOLIC
NOVOLAK RESINS AND METHOD
OF MAKING SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 5, 2005, please consider and enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. The pending claims are subject to restriction/election requirements. Please consider the following comments.

Restriction/Election

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 asserting that there were three distinct inventions, *i.e.*, Groups I (claims 1-17), II (claims 18-21) and III (claims 22-25). In addition, the Examiner asserted that the inventions had acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matters. Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-17 with traverse. For Group I, the Examiner further imposed a restriction requirement asserting that there were four patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, *i.e.*, (1) an unsaturated dihydroxy compound; (2) an unsaturated aliphatic aldehyde compound; (3) an aliphatic dialdehyde compound; and (4) a mixture of 1,